

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Preschool Lesson One Hundred Twenty-six: Saul Pursues David

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Kings
Bible Reading & Discussion: I Samuel 23: 1-18; Psalm 54
Bible Memory & Craft: Psalm 23
Learning Objectives: (1) The Philistines attacked the city of Keilah. (2) David inquired of the Lord and was told that the Lord would give the Philistines into David's hand. (3) Saul heard where David was and set out to capture him. (4) David inquired of the Lord and was told that Keilah would surrender him to Saul; so, David and his men fled. (5) Saul sought David every day but God did not give David to Saul. (6) David and Jonathan renewed their covenant before the Lord. (7) David recognized God's blessings to him even in the presence of enemies.
- Opening** Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate
Instructions: Lead songs about the Bible & the Kings, including visuals and motions as appropriate. For free songs sung to familiar hymn tunes, use the following link.
<http://gardenofpraise.com/biblsong.htm>
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Missing Word Reading
Scripture: I Samuel 23: 1-18; Psalm 54
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Leader reads aloud expressively. Whenever leader pauses students say, "Lord." Leader should mark passage ahead of time.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: None
10 minutes Strategy: Hand Action
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. Instead of raising their hands to share, they perform another action: Pat your head; Pull your ear; Give the thumbs up sign; Touch your nose, etc. To keep students focused, leader should change the hand action required for each question.
Questions:
- When David was informed that the Philistines were fighting against Keilah, who did David consult/talk to? (The Lord)
 - What did the Lord tell David to do? (Attack the Philistines)
 - The Lord said, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will give the blank into your hand." (Philistines)
 - When Saul heard where David was, he set out to capture David. David and his men escaped. Who had told David that he Keilah would give him to Saul? (The Lord)
 - Saul sought David every day, "but blank did not give him into his hand." (God)
 - Jonathan went to David and said, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be blank over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this." (King)
 - Psalm 54 was written by David. David said about his enemies, "they do not set blank before themselves." (God)
 - In Psalm 54 David said of the Lord, "he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my blank." (Enemies)
- Transitional Thought: Even while Saul was seeking to kill David and many were willing to deliver David to Saul, the Lord gave David victory over the Philistines, protected David from capture, and allowed Jonathan to strengthen David with his words of encouragement and covenant before the Lord. In Psalm 23, David expresses that even in the presence of enemies, the Lord blesses him.

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Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is and for His blessings to His children, those that believe in Jesus Christ for their salvation.

Bible Memory Materials: White board with markers and eraser
10-15 minutes Strategy: Picture It

Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following passage written on it:

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." Psalm 23:5

Pictures are used to replace some of the words in the passage. Students repeat the passage "reading" the pictures in place of the words. Gradually, the words are erased or covered until only the pictures remain. Students repeat the passage using only the pictures as a guide.

Bible Craft Materials: Murals from past lesson, glue, paper, markers, sample project
As time allows Activity: 3D Mural representing Psalm 23

Note: Each student will make his/her own 3D mural representing Psalm 23. It will be completed during several lessons. New images will be added each lesson until the mural is finished.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Today students will add a rod, staff, and oil flask with a flat-topped rock. Give each student his/her mural. Have each student cut gray paper to look like a rock with a flat top and glue it onto their mural. Show students how to draw or cut and paste a rod, a staff, and a flask of oil on or leaning against the rock. Discuss with students these shepherd's tools that were used to guide, protect, and care for the sheep. Collect the murals for future lessons.

Have students repeat the parts of Psalm 23 that they have learned so far, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." Psalm 23:1-5

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.
Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.
Close in prayer & dismiss.

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Psalm 23

Verse 1: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

3D Mural Craft: Cotton ball sheep

Verse 2: "He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters."

3D Mural Craft: Green grass, blue cellophane water

Verse 3: "He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

3D Mural Craft: Brown dirt path

Verse 4: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

3D Mural Craft: Crumpled-paper mountain with lion, bear, &/or wolf cutouts

Verse 5: "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

3D Mural Craft: Flat-rock table with rod & staff leaning against it and oil flask upon it

Verse 6: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

3D Mural Craft: Glitter sunburst at end of path